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Grand Canyon Fact Sheet

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Walla Valley Fire Update

Fire Started: June 21, 2008 as a prescribed burn project
June 25, 2008 converted to a wildfire

Location: North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The Walla Valley Fire is located in the Walla Valley and Point Sublime area, approximately 9 miles west of the North Rim developed area.

Fuels: Gamble oak, ponderosa pine
Size: 225 acres
Percent Contained: 15%

Resources committed: 4 engines, 1 dozer, 2 crews, 2 fire use modules and 2 helicopters
Total personnel = 100

Closures: Sections of the W4 and W1 roads remain closed at this time.

Summary: Today, firefighters will continue to construct a fire line from the Kanabownitz Cabin to Galahad Point (a length of approximately 2 ½ miles) creating a containment line south of the fire. Air resources will be used to slow the fire's movement. Later, operations will include holding and securing the containment line by igniting vegetation between the line and the leading edge of the fire creating a buffer to stop the fire's spread. These burnout operations are implemented in the evening when the potential for active fire behavior is lessened. Alternate plans are in place in case today's objectives are not met.

Air Quality: Smoke in low lying areas is dissipating early morning.

Fire Behavior: Active fire behavior in the afternoon until evening. Fire movement into thick, dense fuel hampering suppression efforts.

Weather: It will be mostly sunny in the morning becoming partly cloudy. Temperatures will be 79-84 with southwest winds 8 to 14 miles per hour.

For the latest information on the Walla Valley Fire, visit the park's fire web site at http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/fire_info.htm or call the Grand Canyon Public Affairs Office at (928)638-7958. For recorded information on the fire, you may call (928)638-7688.

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